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5 APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR DOWNLOADING RECORDER
PROGRAMMING DATA IN A VIDEO SIGNAL

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Apparatus and methods are provided for controlling recording of video programs. In one embodiment an apparatus for controlling the recording of video programs includes a device for
10 retrieving a recorder identifier and recorder programming data from a television signal received from a television signal source, a device for determining whether the retrieved recorder identifier matches a first identifier for the apparatus, a device for storing the recorder programming data, if the retrieved recorder identifier matches the first identifier for the apparatus, and a device for using the stored recorder programming data to control recording. The device for retrieving a
15 recorder identifier and recorder programming data from a television signal includes a vertical blanking interval decoder.

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